	1	2	3	4	5
Obstetrician & Gynaecologist	2424	1150	588	562	1886
Physician	2424	1131	645	486	1883
Paediatrician	2424	858	526	332	1898

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1340. SHRI PRAKASH MANI TRIPATHI:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is one of the few countries suffering most from desertification as per the recent report of the United Nations Environment Programme

(b) whether according to the report, India will become a water scarce country by 2025;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per Global Environment Outlook (GEO) report (1997) of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the countries suffering most from desertification are China, Afghanistan, Mongolia, Pakistan and India. India is among the countries projected to fall into the Water-stress category by 2025 A.D. when the fresh water availability is expected to fall below 1,000 cubic metres per capita per year.

(d) Keeping in view the future needs of water, the Government has taken various policy and programme initiatives. These include adoption of National Water Policy (1987), preparation of National Perspectives for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit areas, promotion of efficient and economic use of water for various purposes implementation of centrally sponsored command area Development programme and conservation and augmentation of water resources through Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Afforestation programmes etc.

Life Line Hospital Scheme

1341. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a new scheme on the pattern of "Life Line Hospital Scheme"

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the States in which this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Staff in Indian Missions Abroad

1342. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees posted at various countries, embassy-wise, mission-wise as on date; and

(b) the criteria adopted by the Ministry for posting its employees outside the country and in India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) A statement showing the approved strength of Indian Missions/Posts abroad, both India based and local staff, covered under the Ministry of External Affairs latest sanction is at Annexure 'A'. The actual number of employees occupying these posts on any particular date may vary from the approved strength because of transfers, short term vacancies and other reasons.

(b) Officials are posted to Missions abroad and to various offices of the Ministry of External Affairs in India on the basis of their relevant seniority, suitability and experience for a particular assignment, keeping in mind the principle of rotation.

Statement

Approved Strength of Operative Missions/Posts Abroad

Sl. No.	Mission/Posts	Sanctioned Strength
1	2	3
A. Missions/Special Missions		
1.	Abidjan	12
2.	Abu Dhabi	48
3.	Accra	34
4.	Addis Ababa	27
5.	Algiers	22
6.	Almaty	24
7.	Amman	16
8.	Ankara	26
9.	Antananarivo	18
10.	Ashgabat	17
11.	Athens	18
12.	Baghdad	46
13.	Bahrain	34

1	2	3
14.	Bangkok	61
15.	Beijing	57
16.	Beirut	26
17.	Belgrade	22
18.	Berne	32
19.	Bishkek	19
20.	Bogota	16
21.	Bonn	62
22.	Brasilia	21
23.	Bratislava	11
24.	Brunei	19
25.	Brussels	43
26.	Bucharest	19
27.	Budapest	19
28.	Buenos Aires	17
29.	Cairo	62
30.	Canberra	23
31.	Caracas	13
32.	Colombo	185
33.	Copenhagen	17
34.	Dakar	16
35.	Damascus	42
36.	Dar-es-Salaam	30
37.	Dhaka	134
38.	Doha	35
39.	Dublin	13
40.	Dushanbe	17
41.	Gaborone	15
42.	Geneva (PMI)	47
43.	Georgetown	17
44.	Hanoi	28
45.	Harare	22
46.	Havana	16
47.	Helsinki	10
48.	Islamabad	111
49.	Jakarta	50
50.	Kampala	20
51.	Kathmandu	209
52.	Khartoum	23
53.	Kiev	25
54.	Kingston	09
55.	Kuala Lumpur	70
56.	Kuwait	62
57.	Lagos	32
58.	Lima	15
59.	Lisbon	14
60.	London	188
61.	Luanda	15
62.	Lusaka	26
63.	Madrid	20
64.	Mahe	11
65.	Male	22
66.	Malta	05
67.	Manila	21
68.	Maputo	17
69.	Mexico City	22
70.	Minsk	20
71.	Moscow	93
72.	Muscat	43
73.	Nairobi	59
74.	New York (PMI)	60
75.	Nicosia	13
76.	Oslo	14
77.	Ottawa	34
78.	Ouagadougou	02
79.	Panama	13
80.	Paramaribo	12
81.	Paris (Including PDI, UNESCO)	80
82.	Pnom Penh	13
83.	Port Louis	41
84.	Port Moresby	11
85.	Port of Spain	24
86.	Prague	27
87.	Pretoria	26
88.	Pyong Yang	10
89.	Rabat	18
90.	Riyadh	67
91.	Rome	43
92.	Sanaa	19
93.	Santiago	15
94.	Seoul	27
95.	Singapore	50
96.	Sofia	15
97.	Stockholm	25
98.	Tashkent	20
99.	Tehran	64
100.	Tel Aviv	31
101.	The Hague	29
102.	Thimpu	37
103.	Tokyo	64
104.	Tripoli	25
105.	Tunis	16
106.	Ulan Bator	12

1	2	3
107.	Vienna	28
108.	Vientiane	12
109.	Warsaw	27
110.	Washington	99
111	Wellington	10
112.	Windhoek	14
113.	Yangon	54
114.	Zagreb	07
B. Posts / Offices		
115.	Berlin	17
116.	Birmingham	15
117.	Capetown	03
118.	Chiangmai	06
119.	Chicago	25
120.	Chittagong	20
121.	Dubai	61
122.	Durban	25
123.	Frankfurt	29
124.	Gaza	04
125.	Geneva	02
126.	Glasgow	13
127.	Hamburg	11
128.	Ho-Chi-Minh city	12
129.	Hong Kong	43
130.	Houston	17
131.	Istanbul	13
132.	Jeddah	59
133.	Johannesburg	19
134.	Kandy	41
135.	Medan	09
136.	Milan	10
137.	Mombasa	07
138.	New York	58
139.	Odessa	08
140.	Osaka-Kobe	11
141.	Phuntsholing	07
142.	Port Said	07
143.	Rajshahi	15
144.	San Francisco	36
145.	Sao Paulo	08
146.	Shanghai	11
147.	Shiraz	08
148.	St. Denis	06
149.	St. Petersburg	17
150.	Sydney	24
151.	Toronto	28
152.	Vancouver	21
153.	Vladivostok	13
154.	Zahidan	08
155.	Zanzibar	09
	Total	4703

Kashmir Issue

1343. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the external publicity on Kashmir has not proved as effective as that of Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the effective steps being taken by the Government particularly to influence the Islamic countries on Kashmir issue;

(c) whether the Government have sent any delegations abroad in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, the discussions held and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government have not sent any delegations exclusively for this purpose. but most Government delegations visting abroad utilise the opportunity to brief their foreign interlocutors about Kashmir, in addition to discussing other issues of mutual interest. The delegations apprise the concerned governments and other individuals and organisations who shape opinion and influence decisions, including the mass media, of the factual position on the Kashmir issue, as well as details of Pak sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, and the realities of the ground situation in the State. There is appreciation of Government of India's position, our policy of transparency, and our determination to ensure that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are able to enjoy the benefits of a secular, representative democratic polity, as well as appreciation of the holding of elections so that the people of the State have their own elected government.

Acquisition of Land for NHs

1344. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently taken steps to facilitate speedy acquisition of land for development of National Highways; and